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IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

1. During 1953 reservists of the classes 1921 to 1924 were called up for military refresher training lasting from three to five weeks.

Army (NSI/P31) (See Attachment #1)

2. A military caserne consisting of two three-storied brick buildings, two detached villas, and several other, mostly single-storied buildings (garages, storehouses) is situated in the southeastern outskirts of the town. Adjacent to the caserne on the western side are six wooden barracks enclosed by barbed-wire fence. North of the caserne are seven large apartment houses for officers.
3. In the northeastern part of the town, on the northern side of Husova street, a military installation including garages and storehouses is located. The entire area is surrounded by a high wall. Further to the northeast along the northern side of the Husova street is another military installation consisting of several buildings located in a 100-meter long and 75-meter wide area. An inscription on the gate designates the installation as an off-limits military area. Heaps of new tires and scrap iron were observed in this area.

4. The following military vehicles were observed in the town:

truck, three-ton	carrying soldiers (red epaulets with black piping)
truck, 2½-ton	carrying three soldiers (khaki epaulets, no piping), coming to the caserne mentioned in paragraph 2
ambulance	carrying three students of the medical reserve officers' school, coming to the caserne mentioned in paragraph 2
truck, three-ton	carrying two Air Force corporals, coming to the caserne mentioned in paragraph 2
jeep	crew unknown, coming to the installation mentioned in paragraph 4.

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Bohosudov (M51/F34)

5. Two detachments of NKVDs, 11 men each, - students of the reserve officers' school for combat (red epaulets with yellow piping and various numbers of yellow stripes across) - were observed on 19 November 1953 marching out of the Bohosudov barracks. Each detachment was led by a lieutenant with gold epaulets on red base and by a sergeant first class. The men were equipped with rifles and gas masks. These detachments were followed by an 18-man Border Guard (PS) unit led by one senior lieutenant and one sergeant. All these units exercised without arms and drilled with their gas masks for one and a half hours on the nearby training ground. [redacted] one or two companies of students of a political officers' school were garrisoned in the Bohosudov barracks. In the vicinity of the barracks eight lieutenant colonels, 11 majors, 22 senior lieutenants, and 19 lieutenants of various combat arms were observed.

Chernov (M51/T02) (See Attachment #2)

6. Military barracks consisting of several four-story and two-story brick buildings are located between First of May Square (former Masaryk Square) and Stalingradskaya street. The main entrance to the barracks is from the First of May Square. 1
7. On 24 November 1953 a column of 40 enlisted men wearing black shoulder boards with red piping (artillery or armor corps) and equipped with rifles and gas masks marched out of the above mentioned barracks.
8. The Chernov Garrison Administration (Posadkova sprava Chernov) is located in the three-story infantry caserne in Zborovskaya street (opposite to the "Dentoch plant). 2
9. The following military vehicles were observed in the town:

truck, half-ton	carrying rations to the barracks mentioned in paragraph 6
truck, three-ton	carrying rations to the barracks mentioned in paragraph 6
truck, three-ton	carrying 30 men with khaki shoulder boards to the barracks mentioned in paragraph 6
truck, three-ton	carrying rations to the barracks mentioned in paragraph 6
jeep	parking at the entrance to the caserne mentioned in paragraph 8
Passenger car (Zhoda)	parking at the entrance to the caserne mentioned in paragraph 8
"U" "U" (Tatraplan)	with officers coming to the caserne mentioned in paragraph 8
truck, three-ton	carrying soldiers to the caserne mentioned in paragraph 8

10. The following military vehicles were observed in the town:

truck, three-ton	carrying unidentified troops in the direction of Telnice (M51/F35)
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[redacted] passenger car (Tatraplan)
[redacted] truck, three-ton

Chudovice (N51/F23) (See Attachment #3)

11. Military barracks are located on the eastern side of the highway to Bilina (N51/F23).
12. Lively military activity was observed in the barracks and on the training grounds on 3 December 1953. About 200 men with black shoulder boards conducted basic drill with and without rifles and marched with gas masks on under the command of 35 officers and NCOs of various ranks. Apart from these troops four columns totaling approximately 200 men with artillery shoulder boards (black with red piping) marched with full field equipment to the barracks from the direction of Hostonice (N51/F23) on the same day. Some of the enlisted men in these columns were students of the reserve officers' school (red shoulder boards with yellow borders and stripes).³
13. The following military vehicles were observed in the vicinity of the Chudovice barracks:

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[redacted] truck, three-ton carrying rations from Bilina
[redacted] truck, three-ton carrying rations from Bilina

Bilina (N51/F23) (See Attachment 4)

14. Military barracks consisting of several three-and four-storied buildings are located in the former castle covering an area of approximately 150 x 100 meters. The sentry at the barracks gate was a reserve officers' school student (red shoulder boards with black piping and two yellow stripes across).
15. The following military vehicles were observed in the town:

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[redacted] truck, three-ton carrying soldiers to the barracks
[redacted] truck, three-ton

Duchcov (N51/F23)

16. The only military personnel in Duchcov are officers and men assigned to the District Military Administration (Okresni vojenska sprava) which is located on the corner of Padrazni and Studnici streets.

Roudnice nad Labem (N51/F62)

17. Military barracks consisting of three-storied buildings are located between Stalinova street and Mirove namesti (Peace Square).⁴ On 8 January 1954 about 200 men marched out of the barracks in several smaller columns with their gas masks on. All men, including the NCOs accompanying them, had shoulder boards of students of reserve officers' school.⁵

Decin (N51/F56) (See Attachment 5)

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18. A three-storied military caserne is located in the Decin castle on the eastern bank of the Labe River.⁶ A three-ton truck [redacted] was seen standing in front of the gate.

19. In the former Podmokly (N51/F56) area (now Decin IV), Border Guards (PS) quarters and storerooms are located in several buildings in Teplicka street opposite to

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the Border Guard House (Dom hranicaru). The Border Guard House is situated on the corner of Teplicka and Prokops Holesho streets. Three trucks brought food and furniture to these buildings.

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Moldava (H51/E15) (See Attachment #6)

20. Military quarters are situated in a two-storied building to the northwest of the Moldava railroad station on the western side of the road forking towards Eastern Germany from the Moldava-Nové Hesté (H51/E24) highway. An unidentified Air Force unit is billeted in this building. A detachment of six men led by a corporal, all clad in blue-gray uniforms and wearing blue shoulder boards with black piping, were observed on 5 January 1954 leaving the billets and marching towards the crossroad of the Moldava - Nové Hesté highway and the road which leads to the German frontier. The men carried a W/T station (60 x 60 cm.) and a two-and-a-half-meter-long aerial. Later some of the men were observed operating the W/T station.

Telnice (H51/E35)

21. The engineer unit which was observed in Telnice in August 1953 and which consisted mostly of reservists, no longer is there. The PS unit formerly garrisoned in Telnice moved to Naklerov (H51/E45). On 11 December 1953 a three-ton truck belonging to the Naklerov PS unit was observed in Telnice.

22. The following military vehicles were observed in the town:

19 November 1953	passenger car	one Air Force lieutenant and one Air Force sergeant; direction Duchecv
21 November 1953	truck, three-ton	members of Internal Guard loaded food
21 November 1953	truck, three-ton	members of Internal Guard loaded food
23 November 1953	truck, three-ton	three soldiers (red shoulder boards with black piping) and scrap iron
26 November 1953	truck, three-ton	po atoes, soldier with khaki shoulder boards and two civilians
28 November 1953	truck, three-ton	rations in the direction Usti nad Labem
1 December 1953	truck, three-ton	coming from Duchecv
9 December 1953	truck, three-ton	Internal Guard members
9 December 1953	truck, three-ton	parked on the main square
15 December 1953	truck, three-ton	Internal Guard members in the direction of Usti nad Labem
22 December 1953	truck, 1½-ton	Internal Guard troops in the direction from Prague
9 January 1954	ambulance	three Internal Guard members

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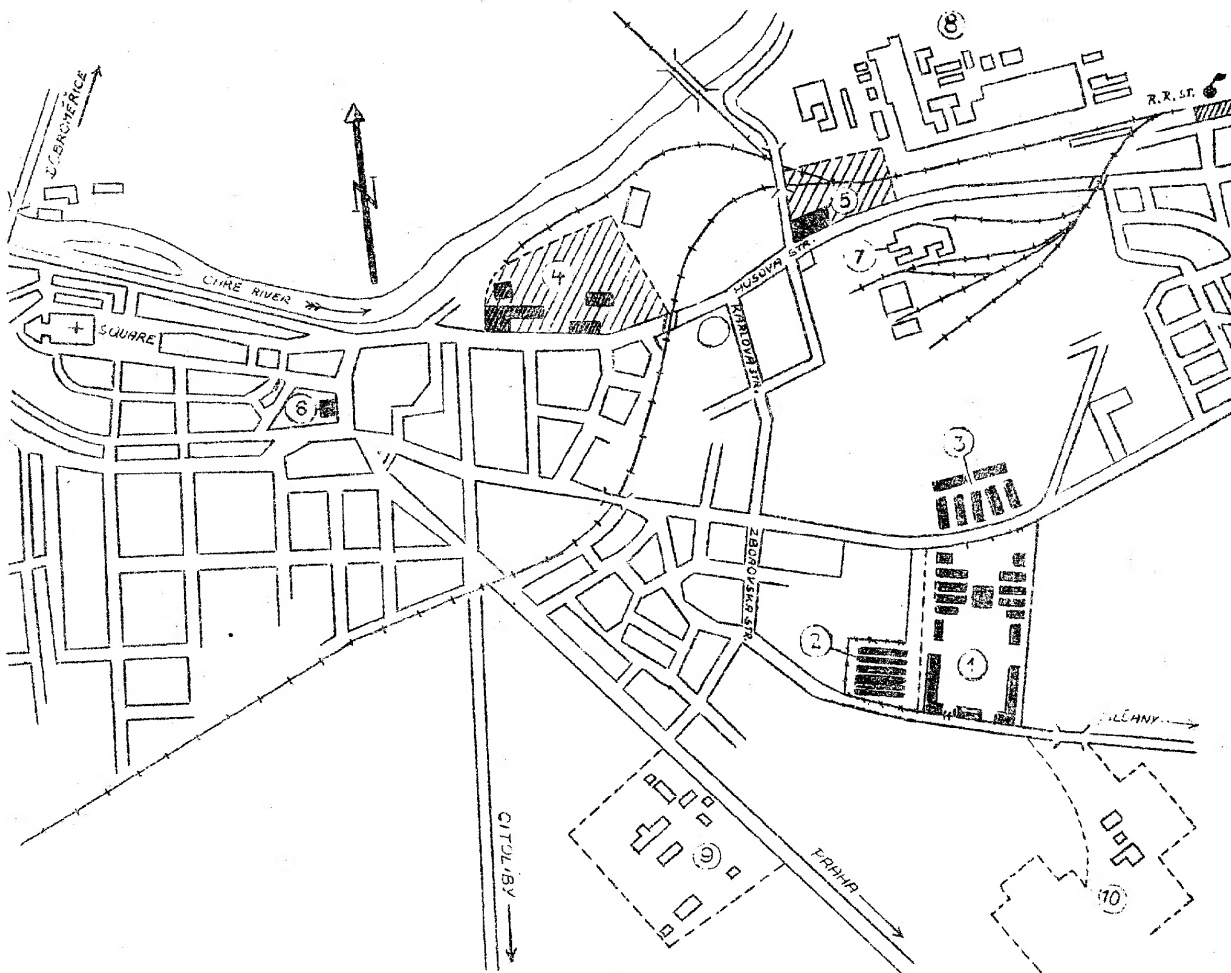
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Sketch Military Installations in Loung

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Legend:

- 1 - Military caserne
- 2 - Wooden barracks
- 3 - Officers' apartment houses
- 4 - Military area
- 5 - Military area
- 6 - Army House
- 7 - Sugar refinery
- 8 - RR repair shops
- 9 - General hospital
- 10 - Brick kilns

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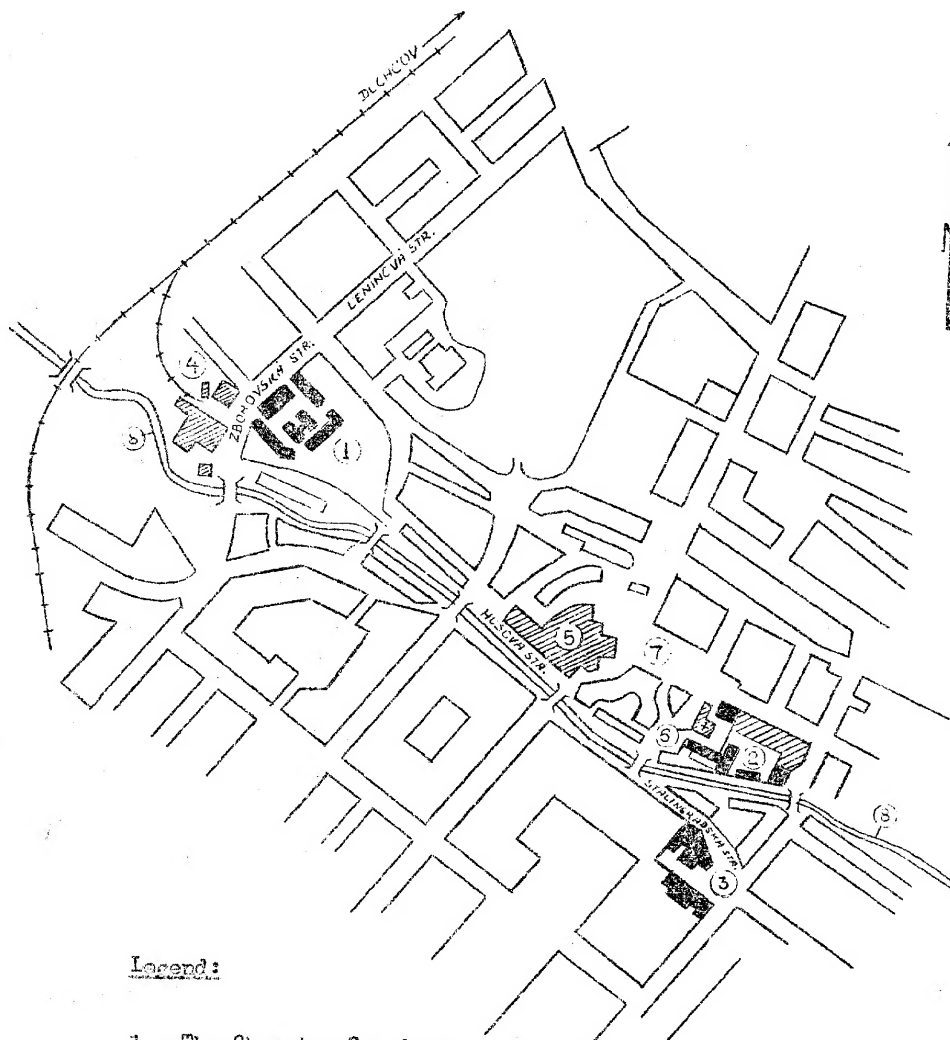
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Military Installations in Chomutov

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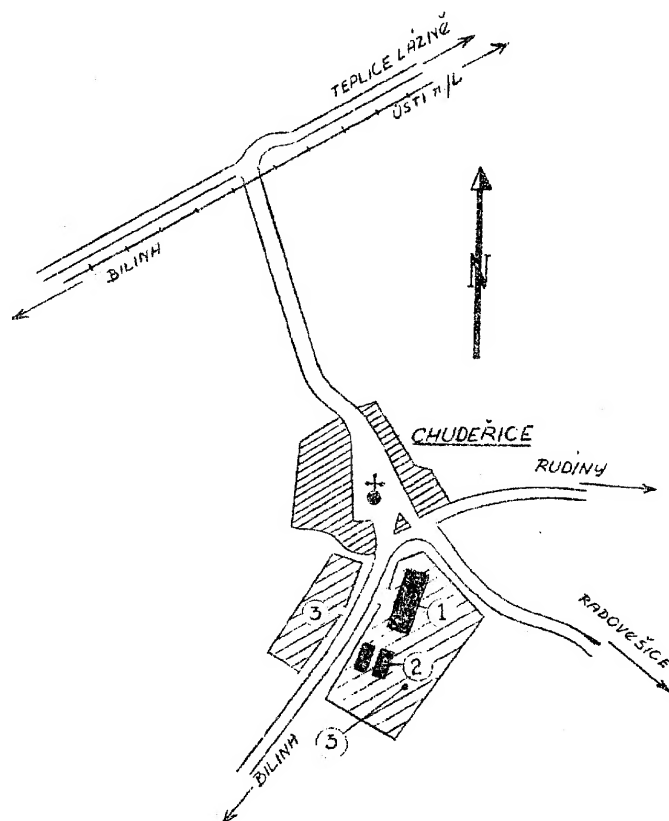
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Chudrice Barracks

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Legend:

- 1 - Brick barracks
- 2 - Wooden barracks
- 3 - Training grounds

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- 1 - Main square
- 2 - Na zanku street
- 3 - Cultural house
- 4 - Military barracks in former castle
- 5 - T.G.Masaryk street

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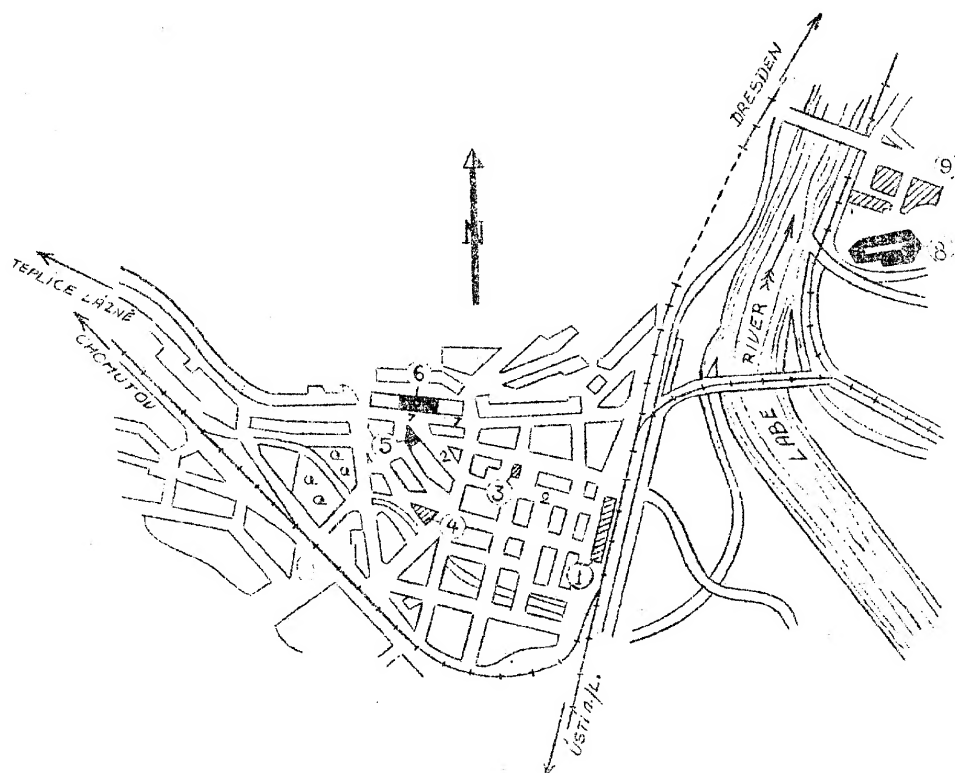
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Sketch Decin Urban Area

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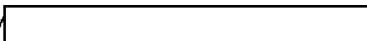
Legend:

- 1 - RR station
- 2 - Prokopa Holeho street
- 3 - Church
- 4 - Town hall
- 5 - Border Guard House (Dum hranicaru)
- 6 - PS quarters and storehouses
- 7 - Toplicka street
- 8 - Military barracks
- 9 - Castle

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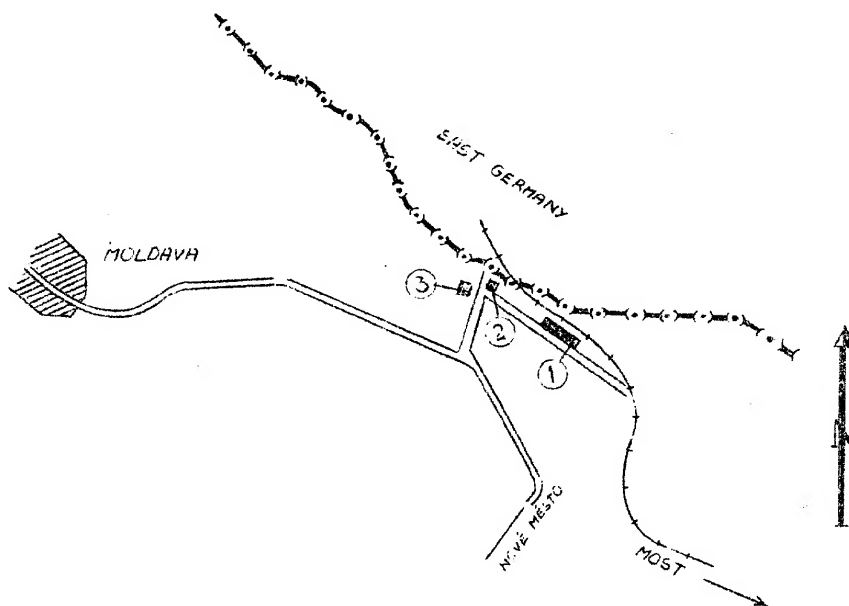
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Air Force Billets in Moldava
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Legend:

- 1 - Moldava RR station
- 2 - Customs office
- 3 - Air Force billets

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